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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2004 for two(2) month(s) from June 15, 2004 to August 15, 2004. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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